

# Cacaopera language

**Cacaopera** is an extinct language belonging to the Misumalpan family, formerly spoken in the department of Morazán in El Salvador. It was closely related to Matagalpa, and slightly more distantly to Sumo, but was geographically separated from other Misumalpan languages.

The last semi-speakers of Cacaopera lived in the 1970s.<sup>[2]</sup> All native speakers had died before this time.

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Cacaopera	
<b>Native to</b>	El Salvador
<b>Region</b>	Morazán Department
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Cacaopera people
<b>Extinct</b>	20th century
<b>Language family</b>	Misumalpan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sumalpan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Matagalpan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Cacaopera</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	ccr
<b>Glottolog</b>	caca1247 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/caca1247">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/caca1247</a> ) <sup>[1]</sup>

## Phonology

### Consonants

Misumalpan consonant phonemes

		Labial	Coronal	Dorsal
Nasal	voiceless	<span>ᵿ</span>	<span>ᵿ</span>	<span>ᵿ</span>
	voiced	<span>ᵿ</span>	<span>ᵿ</span>	<span>ᵿ</span>
Plosive	voiceless	<span>ᵿ</span>	<span>ᵿ</span>	<span>ᵿ</span>
	voiced	<span>ᵿ</span>	<span>ᵿ</span>	
Fricative			<span>ᵿ</span>	<span>ᵿ</span>
Lateral Fricative			<span>ᵿ</span>	
Liquid	voiceless		<span>ᵿ</span>	
	voiced		<span>ᵿ</span>	
Lateral			<span>ᵿ</span>	
Semivowel		<span>ᵿ</span>		<span>ᵿ</span>

### Vowels



- Map of El Salvador's Native American civilizations and their kingdoms:
- ☐ Kingdom of the Lenca people
  - ☐ Kingdom of the Cacaopera people
  - ☐ Kingdom of the Xinka people
  - ☐ Kingdom Maya Poqomam people
  - ☐ Kingdom of Maya Ch'orti' people
  - ☐ Kingdom of the Alaguilac people
  - ☐ Kingdom of the Mixe people
  - ☐ Kingdom of the Mangué language
  - ☐ Kingdom of the Pipil people

#### Misumalpan vowel phonemes

	Front		Back	
	short	long	short	long
<u>Close</u>	<u>i</u>	iː	<u>ʊ</u>	ʊː
<u>Open</u>	<u>a</u>	aː		

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## External links

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- Recording of a semi-speaker of Cacaopera ([https://web.archive.org/web/20160701174202/http://www.ailla.utexas.org/search/resource.html?r\\_id=2551](https://web.archive.org/web/20160701174202/http://www.ailla.utexas.org/search/resource.html?r_id=2551)) from 1973, from the MesoAmerican Languages Collection ([https://web.archive.org/web/20160701174602/http://www.ailla.utexas.org/search/collection.html?c\\_id=83](https://web.archive.org/web/20160701174602/http://www.ailla.utexas.org/search/collection.html?c_id=83)) of Lyle Campbell at the Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America.

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